

Pupil Allocation 2006/07

	Catawba	Hickory	Newton-Conover	Total
Per Pupil:				
Average Attendance	17,316	4,498	2,962	24,776
2006/07 County Base	\$1,132.00	\$1,132.00	\$1,132.00	\$1,132.00
Joint School Programs	52.00	52.00	52.00	52.00
2% Teacher Supplement	46.00	46.00	46.00	46.00
Fines & Forfeitures	53.00	53.00	53.00	53.00
School Fund Balance	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Total	\$1,290.00	\$1,290.00	\$1,290.00	\$1,290.00
System Total:				
2006/07 County Base	\$19,601,712	\$5,091,736	\$3,352,984	\$28,046,432
Joint School Programs	900,432	233,896	154,024	1,288,352
2% Teacher Supplement	796,536	206,908	136,252	1,139,696
Fines & Forfeitures	917,748	238,394	156,986	1,313,128
School Fund Balance	121,212	31,486	20,734	173,432
Total	\$22,337,640	\$5,802,420	\$3,820,980	\$31,961,040

Significant Changes:

Current expense funding pays for the operating needs of the schools including both instructional programs and support services. North Carolina General Statutes allow the Board of Commissioners to allocate current expense funding in a variety of ways. Catawba County has always provided a lump sum amount per pupil and left the decision on where to spend with the school systems. The School Budget and Fiscal Control Act requires the County to fund each school system the same amount per pupil based on average daily membership (ADM) figures certified by the State and based on the highest attendance figures of the first two out of three months of the school year. The per pupil funding amount is made up of three components: County base allocation, fines and forfeitures, and school fund balance. The total per pupil funding for Fiscal Year 2005/06 totals \$1,290 and includes County base (\$1,230), fines and forfeitures, (\$53), and school fund balance (\$7). Fines and forfeitures are legal penalties collected by the Clerk of Court's Office. General Statutes require that all funds collected must be given to the public school systems in the County.

The base budget for each school system includes funds for jointly operated school programs. This has been increased by \$7 to \$52 per pupil for Fiscal Year 2006/07 toward the cost of operations for the new early college program, Challenger High School. Other joint programs include Conover School for exceptional children, the ACT Program, Community Schools, Catawba Valley High School, and the school bus garage. Since the funding for these special programs is combined in the base allocation, the three superintendents have worked out a method to reimburse each other for these inter-system program costs.

In addition the base budget for each school includes \$46 per pupil to fund an additional 2% teacher supplement for approximately 70% of the staff, based on either individual or school performance. The decision on how to base the supplement award will be up to each board of education. Additional teacher supplements was the school boards' number one funding priority that came from the FORESIGHT committee recommendations targeting improvement in education.